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[REDACTED] and I met in his Office on Friday morning 1 November to discuss the progress on the Alarm and Water problems at the Records Center:

- 25X1A5a1 a. He said there was absolutely nothing he or his engineers could do to expedite the completion of the new alarm system.

[REDACTED] very anxious to get it operational because they get no part of the \$68,000 until it is. The Office of Security from Headquarters is very careful to be certain the system really works before they accept it. [REDACTED] has no influence over either organization. The existing "ADT System" will remain in place until the new one works properly. Then the ADT rental will cease and its components removed. The new Mosler units are so sophisticated that they were causing far too many afterhours false alarms which brought in guards and Center personnel each time. Also some units were too weak to cover the considerable distances of the Center's aisles. The Commanding Officer said it is quite possible O/Security will reject the new alarm. [REDACTED] and we must await their decision on its success or failure.

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- b. [REDACTED] said he clearly understood the Office of Communications, Administrative Officer concerning the desire to get started on the water seepage problem and to use funds from whatever source he could. He knows headquarters plans to reimburse those funds if and when they got some end of the year funds next spring. Unfortunately, the Colonel has no funds available. He is operating on a partial budget until the approved budget is released.

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He said he had had his engineers clean out the leaf and grass-clogged drainage ditch which had overflowed into the wall of the Records Center and thus leaked inside overtaxing the sump-pump there. His engineers are detailing plans for the excavation and repairs to be done when funds are available to let a contract. He explained that he felt there was little likelihood of another flood unless we had an unusual storm, at which time he would provide manpower to prevent it from doing any damage in the Center. He feels the lack of funds or urgency places this project on a low priority.

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